Government and I was given to understand that, on account of the non-co-operation or want of co-operation of the Travancore Government, the work could not be carried out. I press upon the Government the necessity of once more trying to move the Travancore Government and, if they cannot be moved directly, to try to move them through the British Government or the Agent of the British Government. I wish to know whether anything has been done. It is a very regrettable matter that a very useful work is pending even after repeated allotments have been made in the budget. I believe about 20 thousand paras of paddy land, capable of producing more than 2 lakhas of paddy, such a paddy land is practically neglected, if not altogether wasted. I submit the Government ought to take vigorous measures to get into touch directly or indirectly. I wish to know whether anything has been done since the last budget.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as we know, the matter has not progressed any further than what it was at the time of the last Budget Session. I had spoken about this matter to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, and he had promised to look into the matter.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Travancore Government and whether the Government has given up or whether they will take it up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government has taken up the matter with the Travancore Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Any communications with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Of course, there is a reserve forest of some 100 acres in extent on the right bank of the Periyar river. It is about 50 years old. It is growing pretty well. In fact, that reserve forest affords protection to the whole of the Malayattur village. In the floods of 1099, had it not been for that forest, the whole of the village would have been washed off and the bend of the Periyar river would have been straightened. I don't think it advisable to disafforest that piece of land for ordinary cultivation.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—"*That the demand may be passed*".

Motion carried.

4. II.—Agriculture and Panchayats T. A.—Rs. 1,000.

President.—The next is the demand for Rs. 1,000 under Agriculture and Panchayats—Travelling allowance.

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under 'Travelling Allowance-Agriculture'.

The allotment sanctioned in the budget of the current year is Rs. 5,200. Rs. 5,000 for my office and staff and Rs. 200 for the Central Farm as against Rs. 5,700 and Rs. 2,400 respectively in 1105.

From the beginning of the current year the three specialists attached to the Central Farm are being paid their T. A. from the allotment sanctioned to my office.

The rate of daily allowance of the inferior servants was also raised to 6 annas. These servants were also allowed their bus fare. These facts account for the increase in the expenditure. There is no scope for any transfer of allotment.

I request that the Council may be pleased to sanction the additional allotment applied for.

Motion No. 1.

The following motion was not moved and hence it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

Motion No. 2.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

President.—You have got two.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That is sent up with a view to ascertain from the Government whether they have made any arrangements, or whether they contemplate any arrangements, to have a suitable successor to the Agricultural Superintendent, when he retires next year, or whether they will be in the same predicament as they are now, with regard to the Diwan Peishkar. Whether the Government will be pleased to look into the matter sufficiently early to have an Agricultural Superintendent, when the present incumbent retires? It is only to ascertain that from the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question has not taken any definite shape as yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. My submission is that with the motion, the question may take definite shape. Whether they would be in the same predicament with regard to the Agriculture Superintendent also as they are now with regard to the Diwan Peishkar. It was stated that there was no officer in the State competent to take up the place of the Diwan Peishkar, and hence the importation. My prayer is that the Government may at least be pleased to take the matter at once and have an

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Agricultural Superintendent when the present incumbent retires.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter has not taken shape. This will be considered at the proper time. What we can say is that the matter will be noted.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to call the attention of the Government to the need for public cemeteries in the village parts and to urge on the Government to provide a sum in the 1107 budget. It has been felt, in these rural parts, that they have no place for the very poor to be buried. I never thought that such a complaint would ever come to notice. But the facts are there and it cannot be rubbed out. In no village panchayat is arrangement made for burying the dead and only the Christian population seem to have cemeteries of their own and very few others have. And some people have no place at all of their own to bury their dead. And therefore some spots should be found out in groups of villages to provide for the purpose. It is a very great human necessity and I do not think that I should exasperate upon the necessity of this any further. Government will, I am sure, deal effectively, if the matter is brought to their notice. I therefore bring it to their notice and leave it there.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—This fact has come to the notice of the members of the Rural Reconstruction Committee who are sitting and after the report is sent up to the Government, due natice will be taken of the representations from these several villages. We are not neglecting this matter. In a number of places cemetries have already been opened by the Sanitary Department.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that public cemetries have been opened?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—In some places.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Mr. C. Barton Wright—I do not quite understand what it is for.

President.—Read the purpose of the grant.

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The rate of daily allowance of the inferior servants was also raised to 6 annas. These servants were also allowed their bus fare. These facts account for the increase in expenditure. There is no scope for any transfer of allotment."

Question put: *that the grant may be passed.*

Motion carried.

5. II—Agriculture and Panchayats—Rr. 1,988.

President.—The next is the demand of Rs. 1,988 under Agriculture and Panchayats.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,988 under "Village Panchayats." This amount is on account of the separation of the Panchayats from Agriculture.

The details of Rs. 1,988 are the following.—

Establishment and leave allowance	Rs.	272.
Travelling allowance	,,	500.
Office expenses, such as lighting charges, purchase of belts to peons, purchase of office and despatch seals etc,	,,	150.
Furniture	,,	425.
Purchase of a Typewriter and a cyclostyle machine	,,	425.
Miscellaneous, such as tour charges, postage, service labels etc.	,,	116.
Purchase of books	,,	100.

The proportionate allotment of the pay of clerks transferred to the new office will be transferred from the allotment under Agriculture and Panchayats establishment. The new office will be organised from the 15th of Meenam.

I request that the additional allotment applied for may be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,988 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to call the attention of the Government to the advantage of adding the present Panchayat Registrar also to the Rural Reconstruction Committee. We are dealing with panchayat matters eminently, and of course it was not necessary to table any such motion because the Panchayat Registrar came into existence only the other day. I hope the Government will see their way of adding him also to the Rural Reconstruction Committee, as it will be very useful both to the Committee and to the Department.

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